

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 535

BY SENATOR JOHNS

COURTS. Expands jurisdiction of the mayor's court in the town of Westlake. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:441.13, relative to the mayor's court for the town of Westlake; to expand the court's jurisdiction; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:441.13 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§441.13. Town of Westlake; appointment of court magistrate; duties; salary;

additional jurisdiction of mayor's court

A. The board of aldermen of the town of Westlake shall, upon request of the mayor, appoint an attorney who shall be designated as court magistrate and who shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and may from time to time be designated by the mayor to serve in his stead as the presiding official over the mayor's court. Whenever the magistrate is so designated by the mayor to preside over the mayor's court, he shall exercise the powers and authority of the mayor over said court. The magistrate shall serve at the salary fixed and paid by the board of aldermen.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in addition to jurisdiction provided in R.S. 33:441, the mayor's court of the town of Westlake shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the city and district court,

1 **over suits by the municipality, water district, sewerage district, or any public**
2 **utility operated by a political subdivision of the state to enforce the collection**
3 **of an open account regarding property located within the town.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Present law provides for mayor's courts with jurisdiction over all violations of municipal ordinances.

Proposed law provides that the mayor's court for the town of Westlake shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the city and district court, over suits by the municipality, water district, sewerage district, or any public utility operated by a political subdivision to enforce the collection of an open account regarding property located within the town.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 33:441.13)